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MARRIAGE.

On the 18th December, at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Shanghai, by the Rev. C. J. F. Symons, B.A., WILLIAM WESTON CLIFFORD to ALICE THERESA GIRLING, youngest daughter of the late THOMAS MILFORD COOPER, R.A., of Herts, England.

DEATHS.

On the 13th December, at sea, between Singapore and Colombo, FORBES SELBY, master of S.S. Glenside.

On the 13th December, at Bremen, F. HUCHTING, aged 65 years.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG OFFICE: 14, DESVaux ROAD CL.
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HONGKONG, 24TH DECEMBER, 1903

HONGKONG residents, who between them subscribed nearly \$50,000 to a fund started in the Colony under the name of the Kwangsi Famine Fund, have been under the impression that their pecuniary assistance, backed up by the actual work of distribution, etc., carried on by certain gentlemen connected with Hongkong and by some zealous missionary volunteers in the Kwang provinces, did a great deal to save lives and mitigate hardships in the famine districts. We must confess to having shamed in this belief, convinced by the impartial statements of missionaries, both of British and of American nationalities. We were not a little astonished therefore to see in the pages of a New York religious weekly, the *Christian Herald*, various descriptions of how "our relief" was welcomed in Kwangsi, "our" referring of course to the *Christian Herald*. Now the New York paper, it is true, very humanely promoted a fund, to which its readers contributed most generously, to the extent of not less than \$40,000 gold, for the relief of the famine-stricken in Kwangsi. For this splendid exhibition of charity the *Herald* and its readers were deservedly thanked by the Chinese officials in most unstinted terms. Hongkong too can heartily admire the open-handedness of a com-

pany for disobeying the order of the police to "move on" and loitering in Queen's Road, Lam Tai, a hawk, was fined \$4. A few more such actions and Queen's Road might be made a respectable thoroughfare, and one worthy of this city.

As a supplement to the usual issue, our contemporary, the *Hongkong Telegraph*, publishes a very presentable illustration of the new Victoria Law Courts, now under course of construction, from a photo by Mr. C. W. Clark.

H.M.S. *Centurion* should probably arrive in Hongkong about New Year's Day. Her return to the China station is very welcome, and it is to be hoped that she is but the precursor of other additions to the now much-stimulated British squadron.

Colonel "Fashoda" Marchand's friends are accusing the French Government of plotting to send him to an unhealthy part of Africa. We mentioned the other day that Colonel Marchand (who was out here in 1900) was, after his trouble with some troops at Marseilles, going on Colonial Service again.

The great and increasing burden of London's municipal debt is shown by the annual report of the London County Council, issued on the 17th ult. On March 31, 1902, it had reached the enormous total of £54,257,000—an increase of £4,346,976 over the debt in 1901. The rateable value of London was £39,768,471, so that the debt was equal to 136 years' purchase of its

land.

By kind permission of Major Radcliffe and officers, the Band of the 93rd Burma Infantry will play the following programme of music at the King Edward Hotel during dinner to-night (Christmas Eve) instead of Friday as usual:

March..... "The Washington Post"

Lancers.... "A Country Girl"..... Monckton Selection "Bennionsoeans of Scotland" Godfrey

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"God Save the King."

PIANO: Horn D'Evoux

Cavier on Toast

SOUP: Turtle

PISH: Boiled Fish Anchovy Sauce.

ENTREES: Roast Sausages and Watercress

Chicken in Aspic

Grilled Fillet of Beef and Chipped Potatoes

JOINTS: Roast Sausage of Mutton

Roast Turkey

Yorkshire Ham

CHEESE: Shrimp

SALAD: Scotch

VEGETABLES: Boiled Potatoes

Mashed Potatoes

Cabbage

Swedes

Plum Pudding

Sponge Cakes with Lemon Cream

Pear Pie

Orange Jelly.

THE HONGKONG DAILY PRESS, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24TH, 1903

TELEGRAMS.

HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The polo match yesterday between the Scottish and Irish teams ended in an unexpected victory for the Scots by 4 goals and 3 subsidiaries to 1 subsidiaries. An account of the game will appear in our next issue.

Mr. H. N. Allen, U.S. Minister, on his return to Seoul, is said to have presented to the Emperor of Korea an official document saying that His Majesty promises to open Yungamphu and has welcomed by the American nation, and that it was hoped that so soon as the Chinese Government opened Antung, Korea would open Wiju also.

The biggest real estate transfer of the year in Manila has been culminated by the brokerage firm of Lock and Davis, says the Manila *Cableman*. Twenty five thousand, eight hundred and seventy one square metres of land situated opposite to the site of George Wolfe's new hotel on Calle Nozalejo, have been purchased by the firm at the cost of nearly \$100,000 Mexican from the Morello estate.

The fact that rats play an important part in the spread of disease, more especially the plague, has induced the port sanitary authority on the Thames to attempt the extermination of rats in the docks, war-houses, and on board vessels lying in the docks. During the last month nearly 6,000 rats have been destroyed, and their bodies burned in ships' furnaces. From the beginning of the year to the end of September nearly 60,000 were killed. The total for last year reached 183,982, and the number destroyed up to last month was 249,718.

Government officials at Vancouver, the *Kobe Chronicle* reports, have been put on the *qui vive* by learning that great numbers of Chinese "merchants" are manufactured in all parts of the province. After investigation the authorities ascertained that the Celestials had good reason for these tactics, for as a merchant any Chinese can go to China on practically unrestricted terms, and he may return with his wife, who could then enter free of the \$500 poll tax which will, on January 1st next, be demanded from Chinese entering the country, for the first time.

Owing to the more determined stand taken by the Chinese Government in regard to the Manchurian question, says a Peking despatch quoted in the *N.C. Daily News*, the Russians at Moukden have resumed their high-handed manner of dealing with the Chinese officials there, which a short time ago had been much relaxed. The Tartar General Teung Chi, it is now reported, is again circumscribed to his liberty of action and has been refused again the use of the telegraph. In consequence of this the Peking Government was not able for two days to hear from Teung Chi, although he was repeatedly asked to telegraph.

In view of the present war scare it is of interest to note that the new Japanese Infantry weapon, the Arisaka rifle, is very similar to the Mauser rifle. The reduction of the bore—the rifle's calibre is only 3.5 mms.—has admitted of a reduction of the weight of the weapon without the bayonet, 3.9 kilograms, which, in view of the short stature of the Japanese, is a decided improvement. Including the bayonet, the blade of which is 55 centimetres long, the rifle weighs 4.035 kilograms, and is 1,606 metres long. The hardened lead bullet has a velocity of 720 metres. The bore has six riflings and the weapon is sighted from 400 to 2,000 metres.

The *Kobe Chronicle* writes that in the latter half of this year the trade of Japan has continued in favour of exports, the excess of imports over exports having decreased to 26,210,000 yen from 46,00,000 yen in August last. Specie has begun to flow out of the country of late, notwithstanding that while the excess of imports over exports at one time exceeded 20,000,000 yen it has now fallen to 11,520,000 yen. The amount of specie in reserve at the Bank of Japan, which continued to stand at 116,00,000 yen until the beginning of last month, has now decreased by some 4,000,000 yen as a condition of things which may be due to the large excess of imports over increase during the first half of the year, and to the fact that the money realised by the sale of Government bonds in London has all been drawn. If the increase of exports over imports in the country's trade be continued, it is thought the exodus of specie will probably cease before long.

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"DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

THE CHILEAN BATTLESHIPS.

LONDON, 22nd December, 1.20 p.m.

I. BRITAIN'S PROMPT ACTION.

It transpires that Russia offered cash down for the two battleships built for the Chilean Government, the *Constitution* and *Libertad*. Great Britain therefore stopped and purchased them at once.

GENERAL NEWS.

LONDON, 22nd December, 1.20 p.m.

DISASTROUS FIRE IN NEW YORK.

A fire has occurred on the East side of New York, causing damage to the extent of half a million dollars.

PLAGUE STAFF WORK.

The ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY laid on the table a paper showing the work done by the plague staff from 22nd August till 6th November, 1903.

FINANCIAL.

The ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY laid on the table Financial Minute No. 66 and moved that it be referred to the Finance Committee.

The ACTING COLONIAL TREASURER seconded, and the motion was adopted.

"EXTERNAL AIR."

The ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY also submitted a statement showing the definition of "external air" recommended by the Sanitary Board. He said—This will obviate the necessity for the hon. member for the Chamber of Commerce putting his motion.

The definition was as follows:—

Section 6, Sub-section 26—"External air" means the clear and unobstructed open air of:

(1) any street in front of an existing building which is not less than 8 feet in width throughout.

(2) any street in front of a building hereafter erected which is not less than 13 feet in width throughout.

(3) any open space in the rear of any building which is not less than 18 feet width throughout.

(4) any open space at the side of any existing building which either (i.) extends continuously along the side of such building and has a continuous width of at least eight feet in every part; or else, (ii.) extends continuously along three-fifths of the side of such building and has a continuous width of at least twelve feet in every part of such three-fifths; or (iii.) extends continuously at the side of any building hereafter erected which extends continuously along three-fifths of the side of such building and has a continuous width of at least twelve feet in every part of such three-fifths.

For the purpose of measuring the width of such street or space, a straight line shall be drawn from end to end at right angles to the external surface of the front back or side wall as the case may be, or, in the event of any structure projecting from such wall from and at right angles to the outermost portion of such projecting structure exclusive of any corne or eaves gutters.

The motion of Hon. Mr. Pollock was as follows:—That the Government do take up the Secretary of the Sanitary Board, and do lay upon the table, for the information of the Legislative Council, the recommendation which was made by the majority of the Sanitary Board as to the definition of "external air" and the names of the members forming such majority.

Hon. Mr. POLLOCK—I had intended, sir, to address the Council upon this

different from the definition of external air as it appears in the Public Health Amendment Bill. Therefore it seems to me that this definition has been passed through this Council and come into law under an erroneous impression as to what the Sanitary Board recommended and therefore, sir, when the question of further amendments to the Public Health Ordinance comes up at it is sure to do shortly I hope, sir, that you will allow this question of the definition of external air to be treated as an open question in consequence of the erroneous impression which has been conveyed to the Council with regard to the recommendation of the Sanitary Board. I do not of course complain, sir, of the fact that the hon. Director of Public Works thought that another definition of external air from that which was approved by a majority of the Sanitary Board was advisable. He has got a perfect right to his own opinion in that respect, but what I do complain of, sir, is—that he was the only member present at the Council who could state from his own personal knowledge exactly what decision was arrived at and what definition was agreed upon by a majority of the Sanitary Board did not get up in the Council in his place and explain what the decision of the majority was.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL.—Sir, as the Colonial Secretary has laid upon the table of the house a paper containing information in respect to the details of the suggestions by which the Sanitary Board conceived that the recommendation which they had made to the Government to amend the then existing definition of external air, all that could be obtained by the resolution has been obtained and it would not have been necessary for me to have said anything except for the misapprehension that exists in the mind of the hon. and learned member for the Chamber of Commerce. What I understand the hon. and learned member to say—and the house will remember that the hon. and learned member was not present on the occasion to which he has referred—is to what occurred on that occasion was this; that owing to an unwilling misrepresentation by myself of the fact of a certain definition being made by the Sanitary Board, the house had been induced to accept a definition which I proposed of the meaning of the expression external air and it passed it accordingly, believing it to be if not *ipsoseisima verba*, at all events in effect the definition which received the approval of the majority of the Sanitary Board. All I can say is this that had the hon. and learned member been present in his place at the time I proposed the definition about external air and heard the definition there would not have been this expression of opinion to-day for from nothing which appears in the printed statement of the objects and reasons appended to the Bill nor from anything which appears in *Hansard* that I said on the occasion is the hon. and learned member warranted in saying that I told the members of this house that the definition I proposed was in substance the definition submitted to the Government for consideration by the Sanitary Board. That is what he has just said, that I unconsciously and unwittingly led the house into believing that I was recommending for their adoption a definition which was in substance that which was recommended by the Sanitary Board. If you turn to the printed objects and reasons appended to the Bill you will find what is printed there is as follows. Before I go any further however I may say that the printed objects and reasons which are put on a Bill here form no part of the Bill itself but are merely in compliance with the custom which I believe has always obtained in Hongkong. I am not aware of it being the custom in any other legislative body either representative or nominative as this is. The usual practice in most legislative assemblies is that when members get a Bill they get the Bill and the Bill only. The draft is discussed before being passed into law, and on the second reading, whenever the members may be who is in charge of the Bill makes an explanation of its objects and reasons. But in Hongkong the custom obtains—and I think it is a most convenient one—of appending the objects and reasons for the convenience of members before they came to the Council to accelerate and expedite the business. These are stated shortly and succinctly, not in detail such as you give in moving the second reading of the Bill, but the objects for which the legislation is introduced "I come to the objects and reasons themselves. If you take them you will find in the third paragraph these words—"In order to give effect to the Board's recommendation a new definition of the expression external air is submitted to Council." What I say there is "In order to give effect to the recommendation a certain definition is submitted to the Council." The learned and hon. member will see that it is not stated in what shape that recommendation should have given effect to. The Sanitary Board were not the only body that brought under the notice of the Government the necessity for considering a new regular definition of the expression external air. They made a recommendation. Others made recommendations. The recommendation of each was duly and properly considered. The recommendation was to make a new amendment. It was not that the Government was bound hand and foot and this house tied down to pass whatever not the Sanitary Board but a majority of the Sanitary Board in their care and wisdom thought best. The duty of the Government on receiving their recommendation was to give effect to it not necessarily in the language of the Sanitary Board's recommendation but in such language as would commend itself to the approval of

this house. So I said in my appended objects and reasons that in order to give effect to the Board's recommendation a new definition of the expression external air is submitted to the Council. Turning to *Hansard* what do you find that I said? "The greatest difficulty the Government have had in preparing this Bill for presentation to the Council is to get a definition of external air which would be capable of being given effect to." That was our difficulty. We consulted the Sanitary Board. We consulted the Principal Civil Medical Officer. We consulted other persons. We consulted our adviser the Building Authority. We consulted gentlemen unconnected altogether, and we consulted among ourselves; and our greatest difficulty was to find of all the various recommendations made to us which would be the most capable of giving effect to the expression external air. That was what I said in *Hansard*, nothing about asking the house to pass a recommendation which was in substance that which was recommended by the Board. Then I proceeded:—"The amendment of the present existing definition is made on the recommendation of the Sanitary Board." So it was. It was made on their recommendation but not in their words. "They report that at present the definition renders it almost impossible to give effect to the real intention of the Ordinance with respect to the proper amount of light and air that should be admitted into rooms." That is what they told us. "A new definition therefore will be submitted for the consideration of the Council which I believe will be found to at least relieve the difficulty of exactly saying what was meant by external air." Where is there word about asking this house to adopt a definition which had the sanction of the Sanitary Board and was in substance that which they had recommended? What I said was that the Sanitary Board had recommended that the existing definition should be amended. We have considered that recommendation. One of the most difficult things we had to do in this Bill was to get such a definition of external air as will be capable of being understood, and I submit for your consideration a definition which I believe will achieve that purpose. That is all I said. If the hon. and learned member had been present in his place in the house he would have understood better than he apparently has what I asked the house to do. At the same time I am pleased to say I regret that in framing the objects and reasons I did not make it abundantly clear by iteration and reiteration—which I did not think was necessary—what was meant. I did not think it was necessary to say anything more than I did say, that in order to give effect to the recommendation of the Sanitary Board that the definition should be amended we after grave and careful consideration at last submitted a proposal for a definition which we believed would achieve the object. What the Sanitary Board did recommend was not practicable. Hon. members will see that it was absolutely impossible for us to have given effect to their definition in the shape as to details in which it was to be given effect to. We have given effect to it in a shape which I believe will be acceptable.

Hon. Mr. POLLOCK.—With all due deference to the Attorney-General, the inference which I drew from his language was the inference which 9 out of 10 would draw. With regard to the point he mentioned more than once about not having given effect to the *ipsoseisima verba* of the clause about definition inserted in the Bill, I would say simply and shortly this, as hon. members will see themselves by comparing the Bill as passed into law and the recommendation of the Sanitary Board, that they are absolutely and entirely different in substance one from the other. It is not a question whether the exact language or words or expressions or phrases of the Sanitary Board are used, but there is a complete diversion in substance.

His EXCELLENCY.—I regret very much that there should have been any misunderstanding in this matter and I think it may perhaps assist to a better understanding of the question if I state briefly the policy that the Government has followed and intends to follow in the future in regard to the matter of amending the Public Health and Building Bill. When that very voluminous measure was passed the Government undertook that for some years to come it would not introduce any fresh sanitary legislation if it could possibly be avoided doing so. Therefore in the amending Bill which passed the Council at the last meeting only such amendments as were absolutely necessary were made in the principal Ordinance. The amendment of the definition of external air took the form of merely verbal alterations to the original definition which is found in the principal Ordinance. That definition has not been found to be unworkable, and it is not anticipated that it will be found to be unworkable, because the principal Ordinance gives to the Governor in Council absolute discretion to grant exemptions for buildings which do not comply as regards external air with the definition in the Ordinance. Therefore the Governor in Council can really allow anything at all to be regarded as external air. The amendments to the definition must not be taken to indicate that the Government is taking up a different position or going to adopt a different policy from that which it took up when it passed the principal Ordinance.

Every application for exemption from the provisions of the Ordinance regarding external air will receive just, impartial consideration by the Governor in Council, and I can assure hon. members that the fact of the definition having been amended

was merely to make clear the meaning that the Government had in its mind when the principal Ordinance was passed. It does not indicate any change of policy, and members of this Council may rest assured that no hardships will be imposed under the amended Ordinance that would not have been imposed under the principal Ordinance. The position practically remains precisely the same as it was under the principal Ordinance, I take it that the hon. member withdraws his motion.

Hon. Mr. POLLOCK.—No, sir. I think I must leave my motion formally on record. I would just like to mention one point.

HIS EXCELLENCY.—I am afraid you are not in order now. You have spoken twice.

Hon. Mr. POLLOCK.—I thought, sir, that it would obviate my writing to the papers to explain. There was no omission on my part.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL.—You have got the information you asked for.

QUESTIONS.

Hon. H. E. Pollock put the following questions:—

1. Does the Government propose to take any and, if so, what steps to prevent the public latrine near the No. 3 Police Station from continuing to be a nuisance to persons passing along the Queen's Road East?

2. What is the object of raising the roadway of the Praya East? Who is paying the cost of such work?

3. Have any, and, if so, what steps been taken by your Department in connection with the introduction of the rider main system into the City of Victoria? By what date do you anticipate that the rider main system will be in proper working order throughout the City of Victoria? What grounds have you for that anticipation?

The ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY replied:—

(1) The Government has already taken steps to remove the cause of the complaints made. The door at Queen's Road end has been permanently closed and the side windows also have been permanently closed. A ventilating shaft with an electric exhaust fan has been installed.

(2) The Praya East Reclamation can be taken in hand the existing Praya roadway must be raised so as to enable the drains and sewers to be brought up to a level that they can be extended out to the new Praya front. If the electric tramway lines were laid along the existing Praya the public would be put to great inconvenience later on, as the tramway traffic would be seriously interfered with by the raising of the road, and the relaying of the lines. The cost of the work, which is being done under contract, is debited to an advance account and will be recovered in due course from the new Praya Reclamation Fund when that Fund is established. A vote was taken for the work on the 10th August last.

The DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS replied:—

(3) "The necessary material for the work and staff to supervise it have been requisitioned from England. I anticipate that the work will be completed in about two and a half years from now. This is merely an estimate, there are no grounds to go upon."

Hon. Mr. POLLOCK moved the adjournment of the debate in order to get a further answer to Question No. 1. He said—The hon. Colonial Secretary has stated that certain steps have been taken in putting a doorway in Queen's Road end of the latrine and also with reference to some ventilating fan. I should like to know at what date these matters were begun.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL.—Give notice of that, and you will be answered at next meeting.

Hon. Mr. POLLOCK.—I am entitled to move for an adjournment of the debate and to ask that the answer be particularised.

The DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS.—I am unable to give any possible date as to when this fan was installed, but I think within the last 10 days is about the period of its being brought into action.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S FEES.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL moved the second reading of the Bill entitled an Ordinance to provide for Payment of Counsel's Fees by the losing party in certain cases in which the Attorney-General appears as Counsel. He said—it is not necessary for me to say anything that is not apparent in the Bill itself, except to say that the Bill is intended to remove any doubt that may obtain as to the payment of the fees of the Attorney-General in certain cases where he appears as counsel; the fees to be taxed against the losing side. It is proposed to remove any doubt by asking the house to pass this Bill.

The ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded and the motion was agreed to.

The Bill was afterwards considered in Committee and was read a third time and passed on the motion of the ATTORNEY-GENERAL seconded by the ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY.

UNDESIRABLE PERSONS.

The Council went into committee on the Bill entitled an Ordinance to provide for the Recovery of Charges incurred by the Colony on account of certain undesirable persons introduced into the Colony.

An amendment was made, excluding lepers from the scope of the Bill, and a proviso added limiting the aggregate liability of persons bringing undesirable persons into the Colony, for their maintenance to \$5,000.

The Bill was left in Committee to permit of the consideration of several amendments proposed by the Hon. Mr. Pollock.

CHEMIST GREETINGS.

HIS EXCELLENCY.—As this is the last meeting of Council we shall have this year I beg to wish your Excellency [General Hatton] and the other members of this Council a very happy Christmas and a most prosperous New Year. (Applause). The Council stands adjourned sine die.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held immediately after the Council—the Acting Colonial Secretary (Hon. A. M. Thomson) presiding.

PUBLIC WORKS.

The Officer Administering the Government recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$20,000 in aid of the vote Public Works Extraordinary, under the following items:—

1. Resumption of Kowloon Inland Lots 1012 to 1015. \$34,000

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CORRESPONDENCE.

THE 1903 VINTAGE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

London, 26th November.

Sir,—It is much to be regretted that we have once again to refer to the generally unsatisfactory results of this year's vintage throughout Europe, owing to the extraordinary weather that has prevailed with hardly an exception in the wine-producing countries and elsewhere. We subjoin particulars:

FRANCE.

Bordeaux.—Hard frosts in spring and very many disastrous thunderstorms in the summer greatly reduced the quantity of the 1903 vintage, while the product is far inferior to that of previous years; in some few districts in which the vines have not been so much exposed to the weather as at other places, some decent wine has been made possessing a sufficient degree of alcohol, and it is to be hoped that the greenness the wine now shows will generally disappear. The official statistics always given by the French Government as to the total quantity of wine produced in the Bordeaux district has not yet been given for 1903. In 1902 the total number of hectolitres produced was stated to be 1,271,600.

Burgundy.—The quantity of wine may be reckoned from a third to one-half of a full vintage; at present we can only approximately judge of the quality, the vines having had to endure most capricious and irregular weather, with a most unequal temperature, but at the gathering the weather became dry and somewhat warm, thus providing for a certain amount of needed fermentation; on the other hand the wine lacks softness and suppleness.

Champagne.—Spring frost caused heavy damage this year in the champagne districts, although to a less extent than in the south; in fact, during the whole so-called summer time there were hardly a dozen really fine days, rain and cold weather prevailing kept the grapes backward, and when somewhat later in the season the grapes showed signs of ripeness it was more an appearance than an actual fact, that the man had good goods in his house. He was at first charged with actual robbery and he then made a statement which amounted to an admission of the offence with which he now stood indicted. He gave the name of the man who organised the robbery and said that this man brought the goods to his house and asked him to take care of them for him. Prisoners took them knowing them to have been stolen. In fact, he admitted the offence of receiving; and the jury, Mr. Sharp said, should have no hesitation in finding him guilty of that charge.

After hearing evidence the jury found the prisoner guilty as charged.

His Lordship passed sentence of two years' imprisonment with hard labour.

The Court rose.

SHIPPING NOTES.

WEATHER OUTSIDE.
Arrivals from both east and west report strong N.E. monsoon with heavy sea.

A NEW ARRIVAL.

The German warship *Sperber*, Captain Veniger, arrived from the west, and will shortly proceed up north. This is her first visit to China. The *Sperber* is a cruiser of 1,120 tons; 1,500 h.p. She was built at Wilhelmshaven in 1888.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The M.M. steamer *Polymer*, with the next French mail, left Singapore yesterday morning, at 7 a.m. for this port via Saigon.

The Boston Tug Boat Co.'s steamer *Leda* arrived at Yokohama on the 19th inst.

The steamer *Gregory Apam*, from Calcutta, left Singapore for this port on 22nd inst., p.m.

The T.K.K. steamer *Rosetta Maru* left Manila yesterday afternoon, and is expected here tomorrow, at 5 p.m.

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By Order, T. F. HOUGH,
Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 24th December, 1903. [3541]

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CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

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By Order, A. R. LOWE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 24th December, 1903. [3545]

Action No. 173 of 1903
IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

Between THE KIN TAI LOONG FIRM Plaintiffs, and HON SUI SHANG and LEONG YEUK KI Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Writ of Execution attachment returnable on the 11th JANUARY, 1904, against all the property movable and immovable of the above-named Defendants has been issued in this Action pursuant to Section 43 of the Hongkong Code of Civil Procedure.

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"SAGAMO"	26th Jan.	Mr. J. H. Lewis	Mr. P. F. Lynch
"AFEIDI"	9th Feb.	Dr. Mr. Lincoln	Miss Julian E. Maria
		Mr. M. Lion	Mr. Hugh A. McRorie
		Mr. T. P. MacLean	Mr. J. D. Bailey
		Mr. E. A. Bonner	Mr. & Mrs. B. Mason & family
		Mr. R. W. Borthwick	Mr. & Mrs. Hugh M. Comer
		Mr. J. D. Marriott	Miss Jessie Mayo
		Mr. Sidney Mast	Mr. Roger
		Mr. E. Mast	Mr. W. Moyes
		Mr. & Mrs. E. Meikle	Mr. Charles Merkl
		Mr. F. T. Miller	Rev. W. Clifton Dodd
		Mr. E. E. Miller	Mrs. Olifant Dodd and child
		Mr. & Mrs. E. O. Murray	Mr. Fred. Novak
		Mr. C. North	Mr. Mr. & Mrs. W. Ottewill
		Mr. & Mrs. Oakley	Mr. Angelina Eizaga
		Mr. F. T. Colson	Mr. G. S. Reader
		Mr. C. H. Coulson	Mr. E. F. Raymond
		Mr. A. R. Cowden	Mr. Chas. Schlesinger
		Mr. D. Daniell	Mr. & Mrs. Jas. Simon
		Mr. J. T. Davies	Mr. C. S. Satterlee
		Mr. F. Deacon	Mr. Peppiatt
		Mr. G. Dean	Mr. Miguel Ponce
		Mr. J. Delbourne	Mr. Edward Hayes
		Mr. C. Dowling	Mr. G. Palmer
		Mr. A. Emerson	Mr. L. J. Harris
		Mr. & Mrs. W. O. Fayweather	Mr. H. G. Philips
		Mr. E. J. Foy	Mr. E. W. Porter
		Mr. F. G. Fisher	Mr. W. Hutton Potts
		Mr. G. Dean	Miss Purcell
		Mr. J. Delbourne	Mr. C. H. Purcell
		Mr. C. Dowling	Mr. & Mrs. Ramsden
		Mr. A. Emerson	Mr. Hugo Reiss
		Mr. & Mrs. A. Douglas	Mr. S. B. C. Ross
		Mr. & Mrs. R. Ellis	Mr. & Mrs. Ryton
		Mr. E. K. Farnaud	Mr. E. T. D. Gayle
		Mr. H. G. Fisher	Miss E. J. Seiden
		Mr. G. H. Foote	Miss J. S. Selzer
		Mr. J. T. Davies	Mr. W. E. Schmidt
		Mr. F. Deacon	Mr. & Mrs. Simmers
		Mr. G. Dean	Mr. H. T. Skinner
		Mr. J. Delbourne	Mr. Skott
		Mr. C. Dowling	Mr. E. A. Sniffin
		Mr. A. Emerson	Mr. E. S. Somerville
		Mr. & Mrs. A. Hammer	Mr. G. T. St. John
		Mr. C. H. Coulson	Mr. J. Hall
		Mr. W. B. Haughton	Mr. Lionel Hunger
		Mr. & Mrs. R. Hill	Mr. L. Hayman
		Mr. C. J. Deacon	Mr. G. Deacon
		Mr. & Mrs. C. W. Hodges	Mr. F. Harper
		Mr. & Mrs. G. Wright	Capt. Jagot

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

Letters and Post-cards are now received for transmission to Europe via Dalmatia and the Trans-Siberian Railway, and should be marked accordingly. No Printed matter can be accepted. Unpaid or underpaid correspondence cannot be forwarded. The rates of postage by this route will be the same as at present via the Suez Canal.

Letters intended to go by this route should be posted not later than the Wednesday in each week, so as to catch the fast Russian boat from Shanghai to Dalmatia which leaves Shanghai every Sunday.

The Post Office will be closed on Christmas Day, the 25th and Boxing Day, the 26th inst.

There will be one delivery each day and a collection from the pillar boxes as on Sundays, all outgoing mails will be closed at 9 a.m.

On Friday, the 1st prox., the Post Office will be open from 8 till 9 a.m. and on the arrival of the English Mail for one hour.

On Saturday, the 2nd prox., the Post Office will be open until 10 a.m. for the dispatch of the English Mail to Europe.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

The Bureau with the German Mail left Singapore on Friday, the 18th inst., at 6 p.m., and may be expected here to-day.

The Polytechnic, with the French Mail of 27th ult., left Singapore on Wednesday, the 23rd inst., at 8 a.m. and may be expected here on about Wednesday, the 30th inst. This Packet bring replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on 23rd October.

The American Mail per s.s. *Korea* will be closed to-day, at 5 p.m.

A supplementary mail per the above will be closed on Saturday, the 26th inst., at 9 a.m.

MAILS WILL CLOSE

	PER	DATE
Canton	Patshau	Thursday, 24th, 7.30 A.M.
Hainan	Patshau	Thursday, 24th, 9.00 A.M.
Swatow, Straits and Bangkok	Loochoo	Thursday, 24th, 9.00 A.M.
Saigon	Bin Thieu	Thursday, 24th, 11.00 A.M.
Macao	Hengshan	Thursday, 24th, 1.15 P.M.
Manila	Loouping	Thursday, 24th, 2.00 P.M.
Shanghai	Lymoon	Thursday, 24th, 2.00 P.M.
Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, Saito Cruz and San Francisco	Cheering	Thursday, 24th, 3.00 P.M.
Kowloon, Kunchuk and Samshui	Sze Yip	Thursday, 24th, 3.00 P.M.
Swatow	Hainan	Thursday, 24th, 3.00 P.M.
Niuho and Shau-hai	Tiehien	Thursday, 24th, 4.00 P.M.
Swatow and Shanghai	Manching	Thursday, 24th, 5.00 P.M.
Shanghai	Hangang	Thursday, 24th, 5.00 P.M.
SHANGHAI, NAM-HAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU & SAN FRANCISCO	Printed Matter and Samples	Friday, 25th, 5.00 P.M.
(Supplementary mail will be closed in the General Post Office on Saturday, the 26th inst., at 9 a.m.)	Registration	Friday, 25th, 5.00 P.M.
Letters		Friday, 25th, 5.00 P.M.
Taipeh	Haifu	Thursday, 24th, 5.00 P.M.
Hainan	Wingchau	Thursday, 24th, 5.00 P.M.
Macao	Sze Yip	Thursday, 24th, 5.00 P.M.
Canton	Yiksing	Friday, 25th, 9.00 A.M.
Canton	Hainan	Friday, 25th, 9.00 A.M.
Canton	Kinglung	Friday, 25th, 9.00 A.M.
Macao	Mongkul	Friday, 25th, 9.00 A.M.
Namto	Tai Chua	Friday, 25th, 9.00 A.M.
Sanhuei	Hofu	Friday, 25th, 9.00 A.M.
Macao	Wingchau	Friday, 25th, 9.00 A.M.
Kowloon, Kunchuk and Samshui	Sze Yip	Friday, 25th, 9.00 A.M.
Chinkiang		Friday, 25th, 9.00 A.M.

TO-DAY.

Performance, Theatre Royal, City Hall, 9 p.m.

COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

23rd December.

ON LONDON.—	Geographic Transfer	1.8
Bank Bills, on demand	1.8	
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	1.8	
Bank Bills, at 3 months' sight	1.8	
Chits, at 4 months' sight	1.8	
Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight	0.1	

ON PARIS.—	Bank Bills, on demand	2.14
Credit, at 4 months' sight	2.19	
ON GERMANY.—		1.75

ON NEW YORK.—	Dock Bills, on demand	41
Credit, 60 days' sight	42	
ON HAMBURG.—		127

ON CALCUTTA.—	Telegraphic Transfer	127
Bank, on demand	127	
ON CHENGAL.—		127

ON YOKOHAMA.—	O. demand	533
ON TAIPEH.—	—	Nominal
ON SINGAPORE.—	—	Nominal

ON B. TAVIA.—	O. demand	193
ON B. PHON.—	—	1 p.c.p.m.
ON B. NGOK.—	—	1 p.c.p.m.

SOVEREIGNS, Bank's Buying date	—	11.70
GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tael	—	61.50
BAR SILVER, per oz.	—	25.11

OPIUM.

23rd December.

Quotations are—	Allowance to 1st year	
Malwa New	\$240	to \$180 per picul
Malwa Old	\$100	to \$120
Alwa Old	\$10	to \$100
Alwa V. Old	\$10	to \$100
Persian fine (quality)	10	to —
Persian extra fine	\$20	to —
Persian New	\$100	to —
Persian Old	—	to —
Burma New	\$100	to —
Burma Old	—	to —
Burma Now	\$100	to —
Burma 5 years old	—	to —

VESSELS EXPORTED.

THE GERMAN MAIL.

The Imperial German mail steamer *Bayern* left Singapore on the 18th inst., at 6 p.m., and may be expected here to-day.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The O. & O. steamer *Gaule* sailed from Nagasaki direct to Manila on the 19th inst., at 7 a.m. She is due at Manila at 3 p.m., Wednesday, and at Hongkong some time on Monday, probably, depending on promptness of loading at Manila.The T.K.K. steamer *Hongkong Maru* left San Francisco for this port, via Honolulu, &c., on the 3rd inst.The P.M. steamer *China* left San Francisco for this port, via Honolulu, &c., on the 12th inst.

THE INDIAN MAIL.

The steamer *Gregory Abbott*, from Calcutta, left Singapore for this port on 22nd inst., p.m.

THE FRENCH MAIL.

The M.M. steamer *Polytechnic*, with the next French mail, left Singapore on the 23rd inst., at 7 a.m., for this port via Saigon.

MERCHANTS.

The P. & O. steamer *Magellan* left Singapore for this port on the 17th inst., at 8 a.m.The N.Y.K. steamer *Ringo Maru* (European Line) left Shanghai for this port on the 21st inst., and is expected here to-day.

THE FRENCH MAIL.

The P. & O. steamer *Benedict*, from Leith and London, left Singapore on the 17th inst., for this port, and may be expected here to-day.THE T.C.J. steamship *Tjatjatjar* left Moji via Amoy on the 16th inst., a.m., and may be expected here to-day.The C. & M. steamer *Perla* left Cebu on the 19th inst., and is due here to-day, p.m.The T.K.K. steamer *Rosetta Maru* left Manila on the 23rd inst., p.m., and is expected here to-morrow, at 7 p.m.THE A.A. steamer *Arara*, from New York, will leave Manila on the 23rd inst., and is due here on Saturday, the 26th inst., at daylight.The N.Y.K. steamer *Hiroshima Maru* (Bomby Line) left Moji for this port on the 22nd inst., and is expected here on the 27th inst.

JOINT STOCK SHARES.

COMPANY	PAID UP.	QUOTATIONS.
Hongkong & Shantung Co.	\$125	\$670, sellers
Natl. Bank of China	18	330, buyers
A. Shares	28	330, buyers
Foun. Shares	21	40
Hall's Asbestos E. A.	22	sellers
Canton-Hongkong Ice Co.	10	10, nominal
Campbell, Morris & Co.	10	10
China-Toronto Co. Ltd.	12	12
China Light and Power Co.	10	10
China Prov. L. & M.	10	10
China Sugar Co.	100	250
Aluminium, Ltd.	100	250
Philippines Tobacco Co.	10	10, sellers
Other firms	10	10, 15, buyers
Loo-kung M. & P. Co.	10	10, 15, buyers
International	10	10, 15, buyers
Loow Sung M.	10	10, 15, buyers
Southern & G.	10	10, 15, buyers
Longton Electric Co.	10	10, 15, buyers
H. L. Transport Co.	10	10, 15, buyers
Hongkong Land Tax	10	10, 15, buyers
Baileys Distilleries	10	10, 15, buyers
West Point Distilleries	10	10, 15, buyers
Loew's Pictures	10	10, 15, buyers
Longton Fire	10	10, 15, buyers
Longton Gas	10	10, 15, buyers
Longton Water	10	10, 15, buyers
Longton Hotels	10	10, 15, buyers
Longton Motor	10	10, 15, buyers
Longton Estates	10	10, 15, buyers